

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Office Action mailed on August 16, 2004. Applicant respectfully traverses all objections, rejections, and assertions made by the Examiner. With this amendment, claims 15-34 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-14 remain pending.

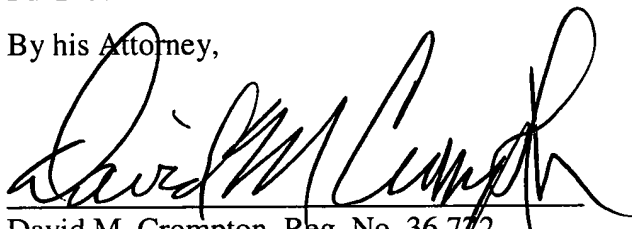
The Examiner has asserted that restriction to one invention is required under 35 U.S.C. 121. The Examiner indicated that the application contains two inventions: invention I, corresponding to claims 1-14, and invention II, corresponding to claims 15-34. Applicant hereby elects to prosecute invention I, corresponding to claims 1-14. Claims 15-34 are withdrawn from consideration without traverse.

Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is requested. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

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